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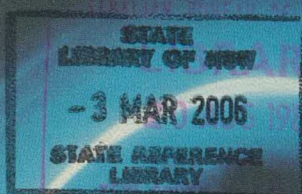
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LABOUR STATISTICS

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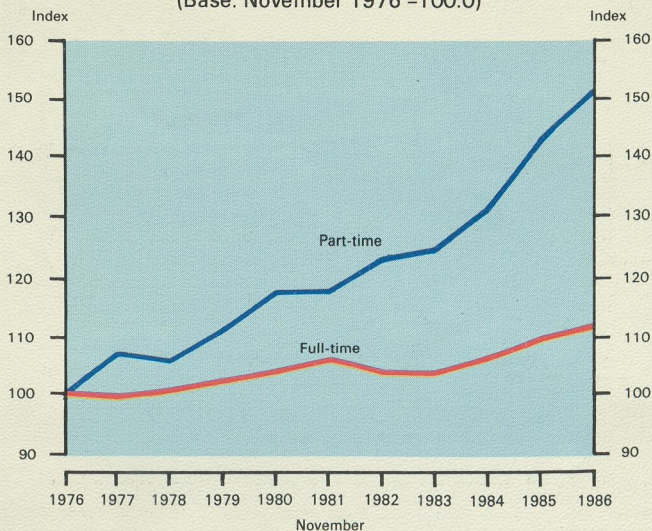
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BACKGROUND

		<i>November</i>	
		<i>1976</i>	<i>1986</i>
POPULATION			
Total civilian population	million	13.9	16.0
Aged 15 and over	"	10.1	12.3
LABOUR FORCE			
Participation rates—males	%	80.2	75.2
—females	"	43.2	48.6
—persons	"	61.5	61.7
EMPLOYMENT			
Employed persons—total	' 000	5,955.0	7,006.9
—males	"	3,866.0	4,209.0
—females	"	2,089.0	2,798.0
—full-time	%	84.9	80.6
—part-time	"	15.1	19.4
Employment/population ratio	"	58.7	57.0
Underemployed	' 000	101.5	261.4
UNEMPLOYMENT			
Unemployed persons	' 000	281.5	583.3
Unemployment rate—males	%	3.9	7.6
—females	"	5.7	7.9
—persons	"	4.5	7.7
—aged 15-19	"	13.8	17.7
Average duration	weeks	17.3	30.1
JOB VACANCIES	' 000	n.a.	51.9
HOURS OF WORK			
Average weekly hours worked by employed persons	hours	37.0	35.5
—full-time	"	40.8	40.4
—part-time	"	16.1	15.2
Average overtime hours per employee	"	n.a.	1.3
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS		<i>December</i>	
Industrial disputes, days lost during year	' 000	3,799.2	1,390.7
Trade Union membership	"	2,800.0	3,186.2 (June)
		<i>12 months to 1986</i>	<i>10 years to 1986</i>
		%	%
CHANGE IN WAGES AND PRICES			
Average weekly earnings, all males	Dec. Qtr.	7.8	145.1
Award rates of pay index, wage and salary earners, adult males	Nov.	2.4	112.7
Consumer price index, all groups	Dec. Qtr.	9.8	131.4

EMPLOYMENT

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT (Base: November 1976 = 100.0)



Source: Monthly Population Survey

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS: PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT SECTORS, November.

	1976 %	1986 %
Private	71.0	69.3
Government—		
Commonwealth	7.8	7.7
State	18.7	20.2
Local	2.5	2.8
Total	29.0	30.7
Total	100.0	100.0

Sources: Survey of Employment and Earnings; Civilian Employees

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS: INDUSTRY*, November 1986

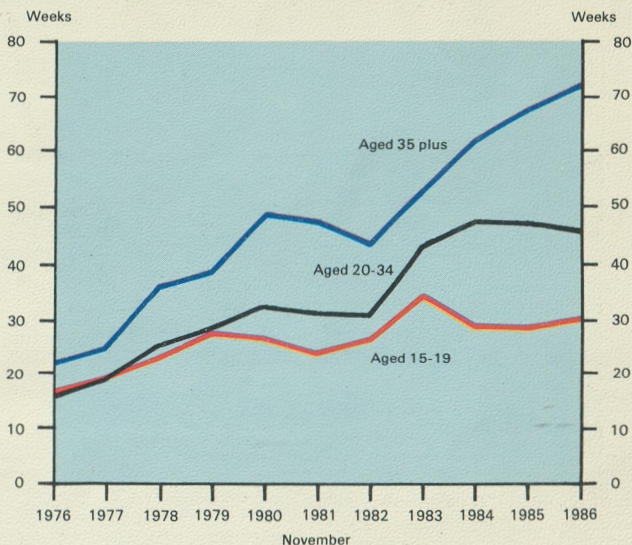
	'000	%
Mining	84.0	1.5
Manufacturing	1,054.3	18.6
Electricity, gas and water	136.3	2.4
Construction	256.2	4.5
Wholesale and retail trade	1,140.3	20.1
Transport and storage	291.2	5.1
Communication	135.3	2.4
Finance, property and business services	664.1	11.7
Public administration and defence	310.7	5.5
Community services	1,199.6	21.2
Recreation, personal and other services	393.1	6.9
Total	5,665.1	100.0

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings

*NOTE: Estimates of the number of wage and salary earners employed in Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting are not available from this survey.

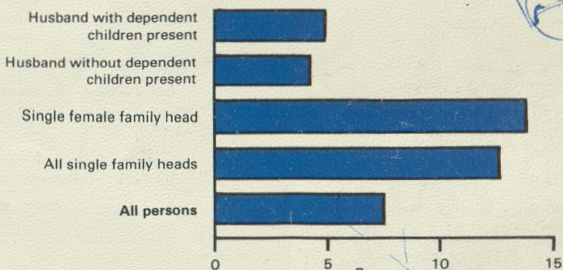
UNEMPLOYMENT

AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT



Source: Monthly Population Survey

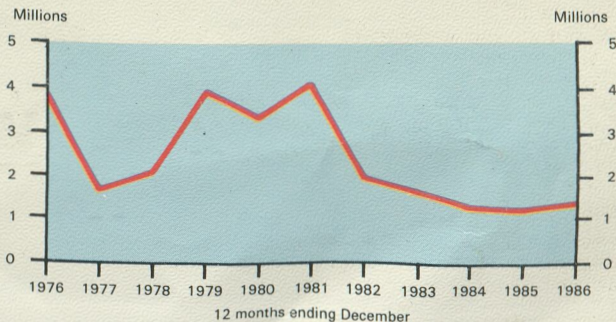
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: FAMILY STATUS, NOVEMBER 1986



Source: Monthly Population Survey

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: WORKING DAYS LOST



Source: Monthly Census of Industrial Disputes

EARNINGS

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (\$)

	1984	November 1985	1986
All males	389.50	413.90	446.30
Full-time adult	427.30	453.60	488.60
All females	255.10	268.40	287.60
Full-time adult	333.50	353.70	382.00
All persons	335.40	355.60	380.60
Full-time adult	398.10	423.10	455.20

Source: Survey of Average Weekly Earnings

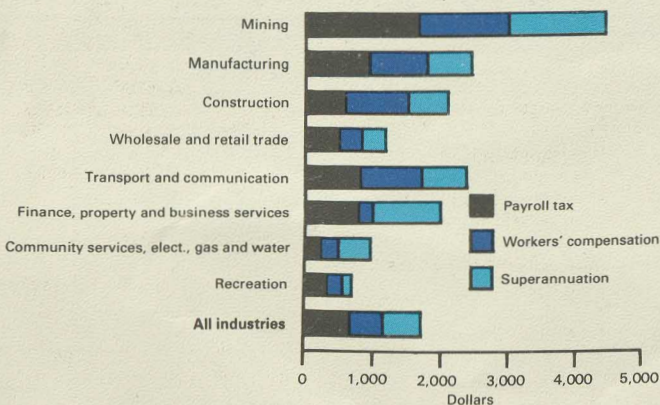
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS: FULL-TIME ADULT NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES BY OCCUPATION, MAY 1986



Source: Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours

LABOUR COSTS

MAJOR LABOUR COSTS (EXCLUDING EARNINGS): PER EMPLOYEE, PRIVATE SECTOR, 1985-86



Source: Survey of Major Labour Costs, Private Sector

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, 1986

	Population, June (million)	Civilian Employment, average for year (million)	Unemploy- ment rate, average for year (per cent)
Australia	16.0	6.9	7.8
U.S.A.	241.6	109.6	6.9
Japan	121.5	58.5	2.8
Germany (Fed. Rep.)	61.1	25.3	8.0
United Kingdom	n.a.	24.3	11.6
Italy	57.2	20.6	10.8
Canada	25.6	11.6	9.5
Sweden	8.4	4.3	2.7

Sources: UN Monthly Bulletin of Statistics May 1987;
OECD Labour Force Statistics 1/1987.

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